



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY WIA YOUTH INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

**NUMBER:** YTH-04-02      **SUBJECT:** COLLEGE CASH FOR FOSTER YOUTH  
**DATE:** 2-9-04      **EFFECTIVE DATE:** IMMEDIATELY

**TO:** All Youth Service Providers

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all service providers of the California Chafee Grant which gives up to \$5,000 annually of free money to foster youth and former foster youth to use for college courses or vocational school training.

To apply, a youth must be either enrolled in an eligible college or vocational school; a course of study at least half-time; or an eligible course of study that is at least one year long. A student must also keep grades up, and "maintain satisfactory academic progress."

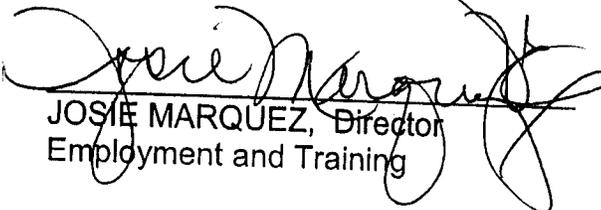
Eligible youth must have been in California foster care on their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, and have not reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday as of July 1, 2003. Youth must also file two forms:

- 2003-04 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Send the paper form to the U.S. Department of Education (a self-addressed envelop is included with the FAFSA), or file online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov); and
- California Chafee Grant Program Application. Send to the Commission. All information is available on the website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). Click on Commission Programs, then Chafee Grant Program.

**NOTE:** Please use only the 2003-2004 FAFSA for the current grant; do not use the 2004-05 FAFSA.

Receipt of this award may affect other financial aid, so be sure to check with your school's Financial Aid Office. The Chafee Grant may also be renewable for the 2004-05 academic year.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, you may contact the California Chafee Grant Commission at the above-referenced website, or you may call 1-888-224-7268, #3. You may also email the Commission at [specialized@csac.ca.gov](mailto:specialized@csac.ca.gov).

  
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